

What's New in the MPDC

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MPDC WEB SITE GETS A FACE LIFT, NEW ADDRESS

If you've visit the Metropolitan Police Department's Web Site over the past week, you may have noticed that you were redirected to a new URL at mpdc.dc.gov. In an effort to create a unified look and feel among all the District of Columbia Agencies, the Metropolitan Police Department has revamped its site accordingly, and is now following new web standards. Although the names of some categories have changed, all of the resources that were previously available still can be found on our remodeled site. If you haven't already visited the new site, please check it out and let us know what you think:

mpdc.dc.gov

Do you have questions or comments about the new design? If so, e-mail Kaylin Junge, Manager of Internet Communications at kjunge@mpdc.org.

RESIDENTS RECEIVE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR FLOODS

Residents in Washington, DC are still suffering the backlash from last weekend's torrential rains and flash floods. On August 16, 2001, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared Washington, DC a disaster area—a first in the District of Columbia. Financial aid will be provided for personal property losses caused by severe storms, flooding and mudslides that hit DC on August 10-12. Flood victims can apply for low-interest business loans and aid for temporary housing, emergency home repairs and other expenses to make up for shortfalls in private insurance coverage. Homeowners, renters, business owners and displaced workers are urged to telephone FEMA claims staff as soon as possible to receive assistance quickly. For more information, and to apply for assistance, call FEMA, toll-free, at 800-462-9029 or 800-462-7585 (TTY).

On August 15, the Department of Public Works began collecting sodden carpeting and other debris created by last weekend's flood. If you need the DPW to collect any waste, call the DC Citywide Call Center at 727-1000 to request a pick-up. Remember to roll all carpets and securely bag any other debris before placing it at the regular point of trash collection.

St. Martin's Catholic Church is collecting donations of cleaning supplies and other items from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. The church is located at 1908 North Capitol Street, NW. If you would like to volunteer to help in the clean-up efforts, call the DC Citywide Call Center 727-1000.

The DC Emergency Management Agency offers a number of tips for protecting your home and businesses from flooding—before, during, and after an emergency. For a list of valuable tips, go to:

mpdc.dc.gov (Go to Consumer Safety Tips under Information)

HELP FIND MISSING PERSONS IN DC

The MPDC continues to seek the public's assistance in locating persons reported as missing in DC. The outstanding cases include both children and adults, some of whom were reported

In most missing persons cases, the first 24-48 hours are usually the most important for investigators. Learn what to do during this critical time period, along with other important safety tips and procedures, by reviewing the MPDC's "Parental Guide to Missing Persons" at:

mpdc.dc.gov (Go to Family Safety Tips, located under Information)

missing several years ago. If you have information about any of these cases or have seen any of these individuals, please call the MPDC non-emergency number (3-1-1), the Missing Persons Section (576-6768 or 576-7041) or DC Crime Solvers (800-673-2777). To view missing persons in DC, go to:

mpdc.dc.gov

(Click on Crime Solvers, located under Services)

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM OFFERS COMMUNITY PARTNERS AN INSIDE LOOK AT POLICE WORK

As part of the MPDC's continuing efforts to educate and inform our partners in community policing, the Department offers a "ride-along program." This public education program gives community policing activists, researchers and everyday citizens a better understanding of police operations by allowing them to accompany officers during their tour of duty in a police vehicle. For additional information about the MPDC's "ride-along" program, call the Community Outreach Section at 727-0783. You may also get information about the program, including a downloadable copy of the ride-along application form, on the MPDC Web site at:

"Partnerships for Problem Solving" is another key component of the MPDC's program to train the community in community policing. This program pairs up police and community trainers who go, PSA by PSA, training residents and PSA teams in the principles and practice of Policing for Prevention. For more information about this unique training program, go to:

mpdc.dc.gov

(Click on Policing for Prevention)

mpdc.dc.gov (Go to Special Programs, located under Services)

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

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